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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6618**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 168

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 19, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 19, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Case Referrals to Attorney General.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill specifies that a prosecuting attorney may refer a case involving abuse or neglect of a Medicaid patient, in addition to Medicaid fraud, to the Attorney General for prosecution.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill allows a prosecuting attorney to refer a case involving abuse or neglect of a Medicaid patient to the Attorney General. P.L.73-2003 gave the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit the authority to investigate Medicaid fraud, misappropriation of a Medicaid patient's private funds, abuse and neglect of Medicaid patients and patients in board and care facilities in accordance with federal law. The Attorney General's office reports that prosecuting attorneys currently forward abuse and neglect of a Medicaid patient to their office.

The bill makes statute conform to current practice. There should be no fiscal impact as a result.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Attorney General.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Attorney General.

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